GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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EMPTY COACHES IN SHATABDI EXPRESS
RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one third coaches in some Shatabdi Express trains remain empty while in some other Shatabdi trains 30 percent shortage of coaches have been noticed;

(b) whether the number of passengers travelling in Mumbai−Pune Shatabdi train during April-November, 2001 was only 6872 whereas the number was 98,106 in the same train during the corresponding period of the last year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O.RAJAGOPAL)

(a): The demand pattern on all trains, including Shatabdi Trains on Indian Railways are not uniform through out the year . The demand is more during the summer period and festival days where as it is low during the lean period. During the peak rush period passengers remain on waiting list where as in the lean period the berths are vacant even after preparation of chart.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.